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11. The Ambassador raised the U.S. proposal that the U.S. and Chile conclude an exchange of diplomatic notes to cover Calendar Year 2006 military exercises with Deputy Foreign Ministry Cristian Barros on December 21. The Ambassador advised Barros that the Embassy had delivered a diplomatic note on the subject the previous week (ref A). He explained the U.S. was proposing an exchange of notes similar to the one concluded for 2005 exercises, with one difference: the U.S. was asking that DOD personnel be accorded status equivalent to the administrative and technical staff of the Embassy, but not/not that these personnel be accredited to the Embassy.

12. Barros acknowledged the difference, and confirmed the Foreign Ministry had received the diplomatic note. KELLY